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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Moving on to our agenda for the day, first item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen offers, it's a confirmation report by the Health Committee, found on page 628.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Good morning. Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon appointment of the following persons to the Commission on (sic--for) the Blind and Visually Impaired. These are new appointments to a commission created with the passage of LB 352 in the year 2000. The committee suggests the appointments be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote. The following individuals, these are all blind individuals, and if you'll recall last week during our snowstorm, you can understand that many of them did not appear; matter of fact, only one of the five. But Mr. Robert Burns, an attorney from Omaha, was unable to appear personally. Senator Brashear offered testimony in support of his confirmation. The second, William Orester, an attorney from Lincoln, was also unable to appear. Senator Foley did appear in his behalf, to support his confirmation. Maya Samms, unable to personally appear. She's an attorney from Omaha, and Senator Hilgert appeared in her support for her confirmation. Barbara Walker, an active volunteer from Lincoln and past president for eight consecutive years of the National Federation for the Blind of Nebraska, did appear in person. And then the fifth member, Dorothy Westin-Yockey, a clinical social worker at Siouxland Medical...Mental Health from Sioux City...South Sioux City, was unable to appear personally, but Senator Engel offered testimony in support of her confirmation. Mr. President, I'd recommend confirmation of these five individuals.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. There are no lights on to comment on the committee. Did you want to say anything in closing? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the confirmation report as recommended to us by Health and Human Services Committee. Those in favor please say aye...vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.